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REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ETHNOLOGY AND  
ARCHÆOLOGY.

A short course of lectures on some points in general ethnology was delivered by me, immediately after my appointment as professor in April last. The subjects were :—

Prehistoric Man in America.

The Origin of the Aryan Nations.

The Progress of American Linguistics.

The Civilization of Ancient Mexico and Peru.

These lectures were public and were reasonably well attended.

After the organization of the Bureau of Scientific Information had been established, I forwarded a circular to a considerable number of persons interested in my branch, in different parts of the United States, announcing both the professorship and the Bureau, and asking them to favor the Academy with such specimens and information as would be of advantage to instruction in this department. A number of promises to do so have been received.

There has been but small increase in the collections in my department since I took charge of it. The arrangement of the cabinet leaves much to be desired, but I see no remedy for this, unless considerably more space were at my disposal, and I am well aware that the Academy is unable at present to supply this. I can obtain "for deposit" with the Academy, several very fine local collections of antiquities, were sufficient space for their proper display, and the usual guarantees of conservation, offered their owners.

Very respectfully,

D. G. BRINTON, M. D.,

*Professor of Ethnology and Archæology.*

The election of Officers for 1885 was held, with the following result :—

<i>President,</i>	. . .	Joseph Leidy, M. D.
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<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	. . .	George H. Horn, M. D.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	. . .	Wm. C. Henszey.
<i>Librarian,</i>	. . .	Edward J. Nolan, M. D.
<i>Curators,</i>	. . .	Joseph Leidy, M. D. Jacob Binder, W. S. W. Ruschenberger, M. D. Angelo Heilprin.
<i>Councillors to serve three years,</i>	. . . . .	Chas. P. Perot, J. H. Redfield, S. Fisher Corlies, Charles Morris.
<i>Finance Committee,</i>	. . .	Isaac C. Martindale, Clarence S. Bement, Aubrey H. Smith, S. Fisher Corlies, George Y. Shoemaker.

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#### ELECTIONS DURING 1884.

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*January 29.*—John Struthers, Thomas M. Fenton, M. D., H. W. Stelwagen, M. D., D. G. Brinton, M. D., Miss Helen C. D. Abbott, William Thomson, M. D., Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D. D., Benj. R. Smith.

*February 26.*—Eugene W. Fiss, Francis E. Emery.

*March 25.*—Albert S. Bolles, Ph. D., R. W. Fitzell, Joseph W. Griscom.

*April 29.*—J. L. Forwood, M. D., Lewis Woolman, John Eyerman, Edward Jackson, M. D., Miss S. D. Atkinson, E. J. Wheelock.

*May 27.*—Henry N. Rittenhouse.

*June 24.*—Lieut. Thos. L. Casey, U. S. A.